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1. UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TOLD THE AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY EVENING (FEB 13) THAT HE HAD SPOKE WITH KING FAISAL ABOUT UNRWA'S CRUSHING DEBT. HE TOLD THE KING UNRWA WOULD HAVE TO CUT BACK ON EDUCATION IF THE \$45 MILLION DEFICIT WERE NOT COVERED. WALDHEIM ASKED THE KING FOR \$20 MILLION AND FOR ASSISTANCE IN RAISING THE ADDITIONAL MONEY IN THE OTHER ARAB STATES.

2. KING FAISAL'S ORIGIN REACTION WAS THE TRADITIONAL ONE: THE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM WAS CAUSED BY THE WEST AND THEREFORE THE WEST MUST PAY FOR IT. WALDHEIM SAID HE POINTED OUT QUICKLY THAT THIS WAS NO LONGER A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE. THE WEST WOULD NO LONGER SUPPLY ALL OF THE MONEY FOR UNRWA AND IF THE ARABS WOULD NOT FILL THE GAP, PRESSING NEEDS WOULD NOT BE MET.

3. WALDHEIM SUGGESTED THAT AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PAYMENT MIGHT BE FOR THE ARABS TO GIVE MONEY TO UNESCO, OR TO THE

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UN DIRECTLY FOR EDUCATION OF ARAB REFUGEES. KING FAISAL

RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO THIS IDEA AND DIRECTED MOHAMMAD
MAS'UD, ACTING MINISTER OF STATE OF FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO
TAKE NOTE AND TO PREPARE ACTION FOR THIS.
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